

Amendments to the Specification

Remove subtitle "**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**" from line [20] and add "**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**" at line [24].

Please remove the paragraph beginning at line 25 in its entirety and replace with the following amended paragraph:

According to the invention, ~~this object is by~~ attained by an imaging optical device ~~comprising~~ comprises a casing; an optical system having at least two optical components, the distance of which relative to each other being adjustable for focus setting of the optical system; an adjusting device, which is coupled with at least one of the two optical components, for regulation of the distance between the two optical components; a detection device for detecting the position of the optical components relative to one another, a processor which is in signaling connection with the detection device for conversion of position data obtained from the detection device into a focal length of the optical system; an output device which is in signaling connection with the processor for readable display of the converted focal length; and an energy-supply device, in particular at least one battery, for the detection device, the processor and the output device.

Under subtitle "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS",
on page 3, please remove line 25 in its entirety and replace
with the following:

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line III-III of
Fig. ~~1~~2 on an enlarged scale;

Please remove the paragraph bordering pages 4 and 5
in its entirety and replace with the following amended
paragraph:

As seen in particular in Figs. 3 and 6, the focusing
wheel 5 has an internal thread 6 ~~with~~ which engages with a
complementary external thread 7 of a focusing setscrew 8. An
adjusting bar 9 is centrally fixed to the focusing setscrew 8,
extending crosswise of the longitudinal axis of the setscrew
8. The free ends 9a of the adjusting bar 9 are each provided
with a lens of the two symmetrical optical arrangements of the
optical system 2a of the binoculars 1.